

I would be glad to have your opinion on these subjects.

I wish to express my appreciation of the JOURNAL. I have renewed my subscription to it with the feeling that I could not well get along without it. Aside from its evident educational value, it forms a pleasant social bond. I must confess that I always look first at the report of the "Guild of St. Barnabas," and then at the "Hospital and Training-School Items," to see what news I can find of my friends. Nurses are, as a rule, too busy for much correspondence, yet it is pleasant to know what is happening to one's workmates, and the JOURNAL often brings welcome news.

SUSAN B. JOHNSON.

[From a strictly professional standpoint we think the doctor is right, but, on the other hand, trained care during the first three months of a child's life may make a vigorous man out of puny material. Many nurses feel that such cases give them a rest from worry, which makes it possible for them to work longer years without loss of money, which seems justifiable.—ED.]

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DEAR EDITOR: Ever since the JOURNAL came into existence I have been a subscriber and reader, and as I have been far away from hospital centres and nursing fields, I have welcomed its monthly appearance with delight, feeling that it was helping to raise my standard and to renew my earlier ambitions and desires. I have also been keen to send some little helping word that would assist some other nurse who is battling with disease, filth, etc. Prominent among my early struggles in the small hospital of which I have control were those with vermin, and I learned the value of Sabadilla. Rubbed well into the roots of the hair, it kills them off miraculously, and one need feel no fear of going near a patient after the Sabadilla has been applied, as it gets in its deadly work at once. I sing its praises, for it has saved me many a headache. As it is only ten cents an ounce, its cheapness will recommend it. I have never found any vermin on an Italian, with one exception, although the peasant type are famous for their filth and unkemptness, but the Swedes, Cornish, and lower-class Americans seem with them.

Perhaps it would be wise to relate a little experience we had in the hospital with pieric acid.

A man was burned by the explosion of a gasoline tank, and as quickly as he could immersed himself in a hogshead of water, then hurried to a doctor's office. The patient was suffering intensely, and the doctor made a solution of pieric acid in a pail and plunged the man's arms in it and deluged the other portions of the body that were burned with it. The next day the patient grew steadily worse, and on the following day was admitted to the hospital. I secured a sample of urine, which was a very dark coffee color, and the physician said immediately the man was poisoned, and was suffering from the poisoning, and not from the burns, as supposed. I hastily bathed the patient and endeavored to get off all the pieric acid, gave normal saline solution subcutaneously and in enemas, but to no avail, the patient rapidly becoming delirious and dying shortly in great agony.

M. R. M. B.

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DEAR EDITOR: Naturally, among the nurses of our State who have neither had nor made an opportunity to follow the proceedings of the New York State Nurses' Association during the nearly completed two years of its existence there

exists some bewilderment as regards the present state of things in our efforts to procure legislation. Therefore, through the pages of the JOURNAL we seek some information regarding Miss Nye, whom we understand to be the originator of the opposition.

Is this true, and, if so, who is she as regards our profession? Where did she graduate from and when, and in what line has she since pursued her work?

When one individual leads an opposition against an organized body of the representative women of a certain profession it is quite proper that one should inform herself upon all sides; hence my query.

C. N. E.

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[We have never had occasion to investigate or to doubt Miss Nye's professional record. She is said to be a graduate of a training-school in Indianapolis, Ind.; the name of the school and the date of graduation we are unable to give. We know her at one time to have held the position of night superintendent at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, and to have been in charge of a small private hospital in Buffalo. She has not been engaged in nursing work of late years, but has been in the employ of the New York Life Insurance Company, soliciting among nurses.

Miss Nye was among the first to take an active interest in registration. She was the first president of the New York State Nurses' Association, but was not nominated for re-election, since which time she has led an exceedingly small but very bitter opposition. Miss Nye is an able woman, but from her attitude one must infer that she has been too long out of touch with the higher educational progress in nursing to be able to appreciate the aspirations of the New York State Nurses' Association in its efforts to place training-schools and trained nurses under the supervision of the Regents.—ED.]

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ORGANIZATION OF NURSES.—At the annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York mention was made of the fact that a bill was to be introduced into the Legislature asking that trained nurses be licensed by the State in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board of Regents. The speaker was of the opinion that this movement was wise, timely, and in good hands, and deserved the hearty support of this society. He advised that the matter be referred to the Committee on Legislation, with instructions to support the measure in the Legislature in every way possible.

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THE LEGAL REGISTRATION OF NURSES.—A bill is shortly to be introduced at Albany, on behalf of the New York State Nurses' Association, to provide for the supervision of all training-schools for nurses by the State Board of Regents. It is understood that a minimum course of two years in an incorporated hospital or training-school will be a *sine qua non* to the attainment of a diploma. It is hoped by this measure to put a stop to persons posing as trained nurses after a few months' work in private and often ill-qualified sanitaria.—*New York Medical Journal*.